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NOTIFICATION BY THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF COORG.

No. 58. *The 22nd December* 1887.

Tenders are invited for the exclusive privilege of the manufacture and wholesale vend of arrack in the Province of Coorg for 3 years from the 1st April 1888 to the 31st March 1891, subject to the following conditions :—

1. That the arrack shall be distilled within the Government enclosure at Fraserpet of good palm and sugar-cane jaggory, and that only such quantity of wynaad bark shall be used in its manufacture as may be necessary and as shall be fixed by the Commissioner.

2. That the price at which arrack 20 degrees under-proof shall be sold at the wholesale depots to licensed vendors is fixed at Rs. 4—8—0 per Imperial gallon of 6 quart bottles : the retail vend rate to the public being fixed at annas 1—7 per dram in towns, and annas 1—8 in villages. An allowance of 2 per cent will be granted to the contractor on account of wastage.

3. The rate of still-head duty is fixed by the Officiating Chief Commissioner at Rs. 3—2—5 per Imperial gallon of spirit 20 degrees under-proof. Each tenderer should specify the minimum amount per annum of revenue which he will guarantee to pay to the British Government on account of the aforesaid still-head duty. In the event of a larger quantity of liquor being issued during a month than would be covered by the monthly payment of the guaranteed amount, the excise duty on each gallon so issued in excess shall also be paid by the holder of the license. In those months in which the issue may be less, the holder will be allowed the benefit of what he may have paid in excess of the monthly guaranteed amount, and the credit balance will be struck at the close of each year, when the holder of the license will have to pay duty on the number of gallons issued during the year in excess of the number of gallons, the duty on which may have been covered by the minimum amount guaranteed by him to the Government.

4. The contractor shall pay Rs. 25 per measem as rent for the use of the Distillery buildings at Fraserpet and shall be bound to take over from the out-going contractors the unexpended stock of arrack, jaggory and bark in the Distillery together with the stills, casks, pots, pumps, buildings, &c., at such valuation as may be fixed by the Commissioner.

5. A deposit of Rs. 1,000 in cash or in Government securities must accompany the tender. The cover should be superscribed with the words "Tender for the exclusive privilege of the manufacture and wholesale vend of arrack in Coorg" and must be sent to the Commissioner of Coorg so as to reach him on or before 12 o'clock (noon) on the 8th February 1888, after which time no tender will be received.

6. The tenders will be opened by the Commissioner at his office at 12 o'clock (noon) on the 9th February 1888 in the presence of the applicants who may be present. The final disposal of the tenders will, however, rest with the Officiating Chief Commissioner of Coorg who reserves to himself full power to reject any or all of the tenders without assigning any reason. The deposits made by the applicants whose tenders are rejected will be returned to them.

7. The applicant or applicants whose tenders are selected by the Commissioner for recommendation to the Chief Commissioner shall be required to deposit at once in cash or in Government securities a sum equal to one-twelfth of the minimum annual revenue guaranteed by him or them, failing which the deposit made with the tender shall be forfeited.

8. The applicant whose tender is finally accepted by the Chief Commissioner shall, within eight days of the acceptance of his tender being communicated to him, deposit with the Commissioner a further sum in cash or in Government securities, to make up with the deposits previously made, a sum equal to one-third of the yearly revenue guaranteed, and shall execute an agreement in the prescribed form on stamp paper binding himself to conform to the prescribed conditions ; and if he fails or refuses to sign the agreement, or to make the deposit required, the deposits already made shall be forfeited to Government and the contract shall be otherwise disposed of.

9. The right of issuing licenses for retail shops and of reducing their number, or altering their locality is retained in the hands of the British Government. It is proposed to reduce their number to 63. A license will, however, on application be given to the contractors for opening one retail shop at each of the towns of Mercara, Virajpet, Gonikoppal and Anandpur, on the conditions of their paying the ordinary license fee of Rs. 20 per annum.

10. Intending tenderers are informed that the quantity of arrack 20 degrees under-proof on which still-head duty was paid at Fraserpet from the 1st October 1886 to the 30th September 1887 was 16,217 gallons.

11. Further conditions may be ascertained on application to the Commissioner of Coorg, Mercara.

D. ROBERTSON,
Secretary.

The 24th December 1887.

NOTICE.

Is hereby given for general information that a lot of old tools, door frames, windows, ridge caps, flat tiles, zinc pieces, and empty gunpowder barrels, &c. belonging to the Coorg Public Works Department will be sold by public auction in front of the Taluk Cutcherry at Mercara at 1 P. M. on Friday the 20th January 1888.

"*Terms Cash.*"

F. J. FERRAR,
Executive Engineer.